Instruction booklet

WASHING MACHINE

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AVXXL149

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Installation

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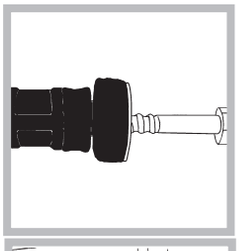
! Keep this instruction manual in a safe place for future reference. Should the appliance be sold, transferred or moved, make sure the instruction manual accompanies the washing machine to inform the new owner as to its operation and features.
! Please read this instruction manual carefully: it contains important information regarding installation, operation and safety.

Unpacking

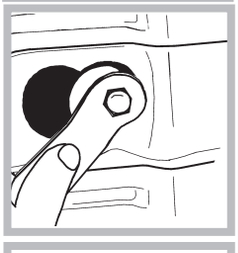
1. Unpack the machine.
2. Check whether the machine has been damaged during transportation. If this is the case, do not install it and contact your retailer.

Removing the transit fixings

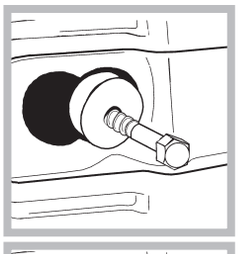
IMPORTANT: Follow these instructions to remove the TWO transit fixings (*see Description* for location).
Situated on either side of the rear panel, **BOTH transit bolts MUST be removed before use.**



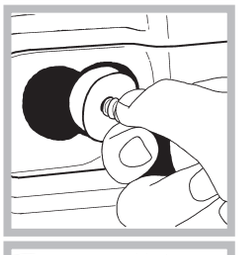
! Failure to do so may cause damage to your machine.
It is important the transit bolt and spacer come out intact (***see pic***).



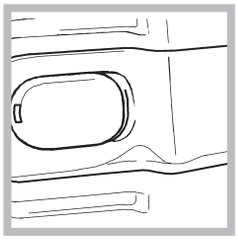
1. Unscrew the bolt using a 13mm spanner.



2. STOP when 3 threads can be seen.



3. Hold, slide sideways and pull to remove.

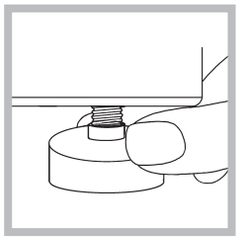


4. For safety, insert one of the plastic covers (*supplied with your machine*) over the hole.

! Repeat steps 1 to 4 to remove the second transit bolt.
! Packaging materials are not children's toys.

Levelling

Your machine will be noisy if the two front feet are not adjusted so that the machine stands firm and level.
! The machine should be levelled from side to side and from front to back.
1. Move your machine into its final location.
- Take care not to trap or kink the hoses.

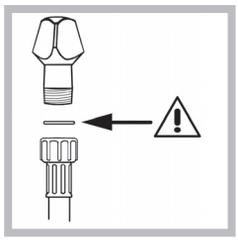


2. Turn one or both front feet anti-clockwise by hand until the feet cannot be turned any more.
When adjusting the feet, use a spirit level to check the machine stands level, from side to side and from front to back.
- The spring on each foot will stop them coming loose.

! If it is placed on a fitted or loose carpet, adjust the feet in such a way as to allow enough room for ventilation beneath the machine.

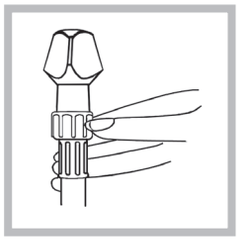
Water connection

Connecting the water inlet hose.
Remember that this is a cold-fill machine.



! Check that seal is in place inside the hose end cap.

Before making the water connections to gas ¾ thread, allow the water to run freely from the supply tap until it is perfectly clear.



Screw the inlet end with the blue cap onto the cold water supply tap.

Turn the tap on and check for leaks: tighten if necessary.
! Make sure that there are no kinks or bends in the hose.
! The water pressure at the tap must be within the values indicated in the Technical details table (next page).
! If the water inlet hose is not long enough, contact a specialist store or an authorised serviceman.
! Always use new hoses.
! Check the water hose at least once a year, replace any that are cracked as worn hoses could split under water pressure.

Drainage connections

A. Connect the drain hose, without kinking it, to a draining duct or a wall drain fixed at a height between 65 and 100cm from the floor.
B. Alternatively, place it over the edge of a basin, sink or tub, fastening the hose supplied to the tap.
The free end of the hose should not be under water.

! We advise against the use of hose extensions. In case of absolute need, the extension must have the same diameter as the original hose and must not exceed 150 cm in length.

Electrical connection

Before plugging the appliance into the mains socket, make sure that:
- the socket is earthed and in compliance with the applicable law.
- the socket is able to sustain the appliance's maximum power load indicated in the Technical Details table (on the right).
- the supply voltage is included within the values indicated in the Technical Details table (on the right).
- the socket is compatible with the machines plug. If this is not the case, replace the socket or the plug.

! The machine should not be installed in an outdoor environment, not even when the area is sheltered, because it may be very dangerous to leave it exposed to rain and thunderstorms.
! When the machine is installed, the mains socket must be within easy reach and should be connected to a suitable electrical supply.
! Do not use extensions or multiple sockets.
! The power supply cable should never be bent or dangerously compressed.
! The power supply cable must only be replaced by an authorised serviceman.
! The company denies all liability if and when these norms are not respected.

The first wash cycle

Once the appliance has been installed and before you use it for the first time, run a wash cycle without detergent and no laundry, setting the 90°C programme without a pre-wash cycle.

TECHNICAL DETAILS	
Models	AVXXL149
Dimensions	width 59.5 cm height 85 cm depth 60 cm
Capacity	from 1 to 7 kg
Electrical connections	voltage 220 - 240 Volts 50 Hz absorbed power 1700 - 2100 W
Water connection	maximum pressure 1 MPa (10 bar) minimum pressure 0.05 MPa (0.5 bar) drum capacity 53 litres
Spin speed	up to 1400 r.p.m.
Test programmes in compliance with regulation IEC456	programme 4 temperature 60°C performed with a load weighing 7 kg
CE	This appliance conforms to the following European Community directives: 72/23/EEC dated 19/02/72 (Low Voltage) and subsequent amendments - 89/336/EEC dated 03.05.89 (Electromagnetic Compatibility) and subsequent amendments

Description of the washing machine

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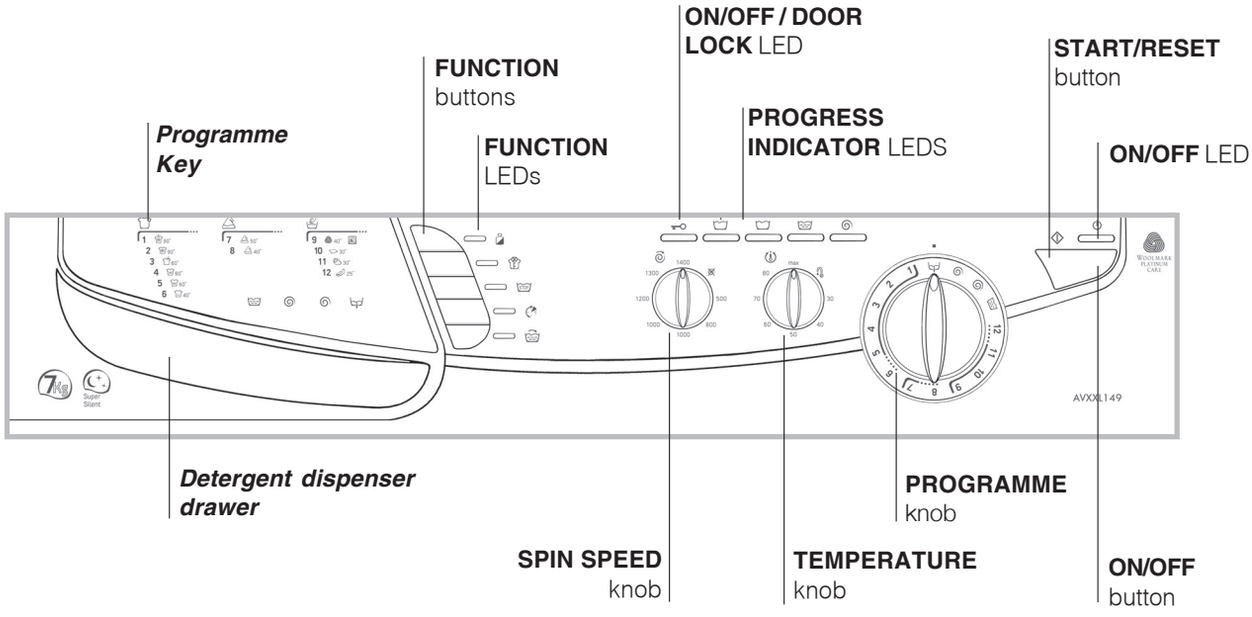
Control panel



Detergent dispenser drawer:
To add detergent and fabric conditioner (*see Detergents and Laundry*).

Programme Key:
To consult a straight forward chart of the different programmes available.

PROGRESS INDICATOR LEDS:
To find out which wash cycle is under way.
The corresponding LED for the cycle in progress is illuminated.

SPIN SPEED knob:
To set the spin speed or exclude the spin cycle completely (*see Starting and Programmes*).

FUNCTION Buttons / LEDs:
To select the functions available.
When a function is selected, the corresponding LED is illuminated.

TEMPERATURE knob:
To set the temperature or the cold wash cycle (*see Starting and programmes*).

ON/OFF button / LED:
To turn the washing machine on and off.

START/RESET button:
To start the programme or cancel any incorrect settings.

ON/OFF / DOOR LOCK LED:
To find out whether the washing machine is on and if the appliance door can be opened.

PROGRAMME knob:
To select the wash programmes.
The retractable control knob: press the centre of the button for it to pop out. The knob stays still during the cycle.

LEDs

PROGRESS INDICATOR LEDS:
These light up to indicate the progress of the selected programme. When the programme is started, the light corresponding to the first cycle is lit and as the programme progresses, successive lights will come on until the programme finishes.

FUNCTION buttons / LEDs:
When a function is selected, the corresponding LED is illuminated.

- If the function selected is incompatible with the programme set, the button will flash and the function will not be enabled.
- If you set a function that is incompatible with another function you selected previously, only the last one selected will be enabled.

ON/OFF / DOOR LOCK LED:
If this LED is on, the appliance door is locked to prevent it from being opened accidentally; to avoid any damage. Wait for the LED to flash before you open the appliance door.

! The rapid flashing of the ON/OFF / DOOR LOCK LED together with the flashing of at least one other LED indicates there is an error. Call for Technical Assistance.

Starting and Programmes

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Briefly: how to start a programme

1. Switch the washing machine on by pressing the ON/OFF ⏻ button for at least 2 seconds. All the LEDs will light up for a few seconds and the ON/OFF / DOOR LOCK LED will begin to flash, the ON/OFF LED will remain lit.
2. Load your laundry into the washing machine and shut the appliance door.
3. Turn the PROGRAMME knob to the programme required.
4. Set the wash temperature (***see Personalisation***).
5. Set the spin speed (***see Personalisation***).
6. Add the detergent and any fabric conditioner (***see Detergents and Laundry***).
7. Start the programme by pressing the START/RESET button for at least 2 seconds.
8. When the programme is finished, the ON/OFF / DOOR LOCK LED will flash to indicate that the appliance door can now be opened.

Take out your laundry and leave the appliance door ajar to allow the drum to dry thoroughly. Turn the washing machine off by pressing the ON/OFF ⏻ button; the ON/OFF LED will go out.

Programme table

Type of fabric and degree of soil	Programmes	Wash temperature	Detergent wash	Fabric softener	Cycle length (minutes)	Description of washing cycle
Cottons						
Pre-wash	1		●	●	20	Pre-wash only.
Extremely soiled whites (sheets, tablecloths, etc.)	2	90°	●	●	150	Wash cycle, rinse cycles, intermediate and final spin cycles.
Extremely soiled whites (sheets, tablecloths, etc.)	3	60°	●	●	140	Wash cycle, rinse cycles, intermediate and final spin cycles.
Heavily soiled whites and fast colours	4	60°	●	●	140	Wash cycle, rinse cycles, intermediate and final spin cycles.
Slightly soiled whites and fast colours (shirts, jumpers, etc.)	5	60°	●	●	60	Wash cycle, rinse cycles, intermediate and final spin cycles.
Heavily soiled whites and non-fast colours	6	40°	●	●	105	Wash cycle, rinse cycles, intermediate and final spin cycles.
Synthetics						
Heavily soiled fast colours (baby linen, etc.)	7	60°	●	●	70	Wash cycle, rinse cycles, anti-crease or delicate spin cycle.
Fast colours (all types of lightly-soiled germents)	8	40°	●	●	65	Wash cycle, rinse cycles, anti-crease or delicate spin cycle.
Delicate						
Wool	9	40°	●	●	45	Wash cycle, rinse cycle and delicate spin cycle.
Very delicate fabrics (silk, viscose, etcc.)	10	30°	●	●	53	Wash cycle, rinse cycle and delicate spin cycle.
Slightly soiled whites and delicate colours (shirts, jumpers, etc.)	11	30°	●	●	30	Wash cycle, rinse cycles, intermediate and final spin cycles.
Hand wash (handwash label)	12	25°	●	●	50	Wash cycle, rinse cycle and delicate spin cycle.
PARTIAL PROGRAMMES						
Rinse				●	30	Rinse cycles and spin cycle.
Spin cycle					15	Draining and heavy duty spin cycle.
Delicate spin cycle					13	Draining and delicate spin cycle.
Draining					2	Draining

Notes

For the anti-crease function: see Easy-iron (***next page***). The information contained in the table is purely indicative. All cycle length times are approximate.

Special programmes

Daily 30' (programme 11 for Synthetics) is designed to wash lightly soiled garments in a short amount of time: it only lasts 30 minutes and allows you to save on both time and energy. By setting this programme (11 at 30°C), you can wash different fabrics together (except for woollens and silk items), with a maximum load of 3 kg.

- ***We recommend the use of liquid detergent.***

Personalisation

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Setting the temperature

Turn the TEMPERATURE knob to set the wash temperature (***see Programme table***).
The temperature can be lowered or even set to cold wash.

Setting the spin speed

Turn the SPIN SPEED knob to set the spin speed for the programme selected.
The maximum spin speeds for each programme are as follows:

Programmes	**Maximum spin speed**
Cottons	1400 r.p.m.
Synthetics	800 r.p.m.
Wool	600 r.p.m.
Silk	no

The spin speed may be lowered or the spin cycle can be excluded altogether by selecting symbol.
! The washing machine will automatically prevent you from selecting a spin speed higher than the maximum speed for each programme.

Functions

To activate a function:
1. Press the button corresponding to the desired function, according to the table below.
2. The function is enabled when the corresponding LED is illuminated.

Note: The rapid flashing of the button indicates that the corresponding function cannot be selected for the programme set.

Function	Result	Comments	Enabled with programmes
Mini load	For washing a smaller load.	In addition to reducing the actual washing time, this option will reduce water and energy consumption by up to 50%. Note: You can reduce the amount of detergent you use with this wash.	**2,4,5,7,8,**
Easy iron	This option reduces the wash action and spin speed	Reduces the amount of creases in the washing load at the end of the cycle, making clothes easier to iron.	**3,5,7,8,**
Rinse Hold	Clothes will be held in the final rinse water, until you are ready to complete the programme.	Complete the final spin by pressing the Rinse Hold button when the light is flashing.	**2,3,4,6,7,8, 10,**
Rapid	Saves up to a third on the programme time.	In addition to reducing the actual washing time, this programme also reduces energy consumption.	**2,4,7,8**
Extra rinse	Adds an extra rinse cycle.	For large washing loads and items for people with sensitive skin.	**2,3,4,5,6,7, 8,**

Detergents and Laundry

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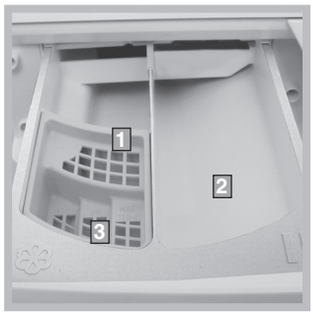
Detergent dispenser drawer

! Do not put any items into the draw, other than detergents designed to be released from the drawer, as they may cause damage or blockage.



1. Pre-wash detergent compartment.
Maximum 200 ml powder or 100 ml liquid.
2. Main wash detergent compartment.
Maximum 400 ml powder or 200 ml liquid.
3. Fabric conditioner compartment.
Maximum 120 ml.

Dispensing powder detergent
To achieve the best wash results the manufacturer's recommended amount of detergent should be measured and added to the main detergent compartment.

Dispensing liquid detergent
We recommend the use of a detergent dosing ball, as provided by your detergent manufacturer.

Adding fabric conditioner
Pour the recommended amount of fabric conditioner into the compartment. Do not exceed the maximum fill line.

Pre-wash (*Programme 1*)
When selecting programme 1 add detergent to both the pre-wash and the main wash compartment.
! Do not use in drum dosing devices with pre-wash programme 1.

Maximum load size

- Divide your laundry according to:
  - the type of fabric/the symbol on the label.
  - the colours: separate coloured garments from whites.
- Empty all pockets and check for loose buttons.
- Do not exceed the weight limits stated below which refer to the weight when dry:
  Sturdy fabrics : max. 7 kg
  Synthetic fabrics : max. 3 kg
  Delicate fabrics : max. 2 kg
  Wool : max. 1 kg

! DO NOT overload the machine as this could result in reduced performance.

How much does your laundry weigh?

1 sheet 400 - 500 g
1 pillowcase 150 - 200 g
1 tablecloth 400 - 500 g
1 bathrobe 900 - 1,200 g
1 towel 150 - 250 g

Woolmark Platinum Care

As gentle as washing by hand.
Ariston sets a new standard of superior performance that has been endorsed by The Woolmark Company with the prestigious Woolmark Platinum Care brand.
Look for the Woolmark Platinum Care logo on the washing machine to ensure you can safely and effectively wash wool garments labelled as "hand wash" (M.00221).
Set programme 12 for all "Hand Wash" garments using the appropriate detergent.
Wool: For best results, use a specific detergent, taking care not to exceed a load of 1 kg.

Precautions and advice

! The machine was designed and built in compliance with the applicable international safety regulations. The following information is provided for your safety and should consequently be read carefully.

General safety

- The washing machine should only be used by adults and in accordance with the instructions provided in this manual.
- Never touch the machine when barefoot or with wet or damp hands or feet.
- Do not pull on the power cable to unplug the appliance from the electricity socket. Pull the plug out.
- Do not open the detergent dispenser while the appliance is in operation.
- Do not touch the drain water as it could reach very high temperatures.
- Never force the washing machine door: this could damage the safety lock mechanism designed to prevent any accidental opening.
- In the event of a malfunction, do not under any circumstances touch internal parts in order to attempt repairs.
- Always keep children well away from the appliance while in operation.
- The appliance door tends to get quite hot during the wash cycle.
- Should it have to be moved, proceed with the help of two or three people and handle it with the utmost care. Never try to do this alone, because the appliance is very heavy.
- Before loading your laundry into the washing machine, make sure the drum is empty.

Saving energy and respecting the environment

Environmentally-friendly technology

If you only see a little water through your appliance door, this is because thanks to the latest Ariston technology, your washing machine only needs less than half the amount of water to get the best results: an objective reached to respect the environment.

Saving on detergent, water, energy and time

- To avoid wasting resources, the washing machine should always be used with a full load. A full load instead of two half loads allows you to save up to 50% on energy.
- The pre-wash stage is only necessary on extremely soiled garments. Avoiding it will save on detergent, time, water and between 5 to 15% less energy.
- Treating stains with a stain remover or leaving them to soak before washing will cut down the need to wash them at high temperatures.
  A programme at 60°C instead of 90°C, or one at 40°C instead of 60°C will save up to 50% on energy.
- Use the correct quantity of detergent, depending on the water hardness, how soiled the garments are and the amount of laundry you have, to avoid wastage and to protect the environment: despite being biodegradable, detergents do contain ingredients that alter the natural balance of the environment. In addition, avoid using fabric softener as much as possible.
- If you use your washing machine between late in the afternoon and in the early hours of the morning, you will help reduce the electricity board's peak load.
- If your laundry has to be dried in a tumble dryer, select a high spin speed. Having the least water possible in your laundry will save you time and energy in the drying process.

Disposal

- Disposing of the packaging material:
  observe local legislations, so the packaging can be re-used.
- Disposing of an old machine:
  before scrapping your appliance, cut the power supply cable and remove the appliance door.

Disposal of old electrical appliances

The European Directive 2002/96/EC on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE), requires that that old household electrical appliances must not be disposed of in the normal unsorted municipal waste stream. Old appliances must be collected separately in order to optimise the recovery and recycling of the materials they contain and reduce the impact on human health and the environment.

The crossed-out "wheeled bin" symbol on the product reminds you of your obligation, that when you dispose of the appliance in must be separately collected.
Consumers should contact their local authority or retailer for information concerning the correct disposal of their old appliance.

Care and maintenance

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Switching off the electricity

- Turn off the water tap after every wash. This will limit the wear of the appliance's water system and also prevent leaks.
- Unplug your appliance when cleaning it and during all maintenance operations.

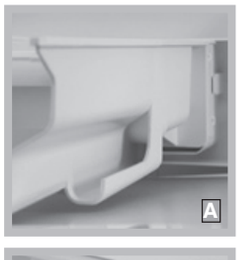
Cleaning your appliance

Cleaning the exterior
Use a damp cloth or silicon polish to clean the exterior surfaces of the appliance.

Cleaning the door bowl
Clean the internal surface of the door bowl regularly with a soft cloth. A build-up of soap powder and water hardness residue may result in water leaking from the door.

Cleaning the dispenser drawer and compartments
It is advisable to clean the dispenser drawer regularly.
! Do not try to clean any part of the dispenser drawer while the machine is running.

1. Pull out the drawer until it reaches its stop.
2. Press the drawer release button to remove the dispenser drawer (see figure).



3. Clean and dry the dispenser drawer, syphons, grate and fabric conditioner exit channel (A). Also regularly clean the outlet pipe area (B).

4. Relocate the dispenser drawer and push it firmly back into place.

! Do not clean any part of the machine with abrasive cleaners, scouring agents, acids, any bleach or metal polish as they may cause damage.

Caring for your appliance door and drum

- Always leave the door ajar to prevent unpleasant odours from forming.

Checking the water inlet hose

Check the water inlet hose at least once a year. If you see any cracks, replace it immediately. During the wash cycles, high water pressure could cause a cracked hose to split open.

! Never use hoses that have already been used.

Troubleshooting

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One day your machine seems not to be working. Before you call your Service Centre (*see Service*), go through the following troubleshooting suggestions:

Problem:	Possible causes / Solutions:
The machine won't start?	• The appliance is not fully plugged into the socket. • There has been a power failure.
The wash cycle won't start?	• The appliance door is not shut properly. • The ON/OFF button ⏻ has not been pressed, for at least 2 seconds. • The START/RESET button ⏀ has not been pressed, for at least 2 seconds. • The water tap is not turned on.
The machine fails to fill with water?	• The water inlet hose is not connected to the tap. • The hose is kinked. • The water tap is not turned on. • There is a water shortage. • The water pressure is insufficient. • The START/RESET button ⏀ has not been pressed, for at least 2 seconds.
The machine continuously fills with water and drains?	• The drain hose is not fitted between 65 and 100cm from the floor (*see Installation*). • The free end of the hose is underwater (*see Installation*). • The wall drainage system doesn't have a breather pipe. If the problem persists even after these checks, turn off the water tap, switch the appliance off and call for assistance. If the dwelling is on one of the upper floors of a building, there may be drain trap problems causing the washing machine to load and unload water continuously. In order to avoid such an inconvenience, special anti-drain trap valves are available in shops.
The machine does not drain or spin?	• If the machine was unable to balance the load it will use a slow spin rather than risk machine damage; the clothes might appear wetter than expected. • The Rinse Hold function is enabled: to complete the programme, press the Rinse Hold button (*see Starting and Programmes*). • The drain hose is bent (*see Installation*). • The drain duct is clogged.
The machine makes a noise or vibrates too much during the spin cycle?	• The transit fixings were not removed correctly (*see Installation*). • The washing machine is not level (*see Installation*). • The washing machine is closed in, between furniture cabinets and the wall (*see Installation*).
The machine leaks?	• The water inlet hose is not screwed on correctly (*see Installation*). • The detergent dispenser is obstructed; clean it (*see Care and Maintenance*). • The drain hose is not secured properly (*see Installation*).
The ON/OFF / DOOR LOCK ⊸○ LED flashes rapidly at the same time as at least one other LED?	• Call for Assistance because this means there is an error.
There is too much foam?	• The detergent is not suitable for machine washing (it should bear the definition "for washing machines" or "hand and machine wash", etc.). • You used too much detergent.

Service

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Before calling the Service Centre:

- Use the troubleshooting guide to see if you can solve the problem yourself (***see Troubleshooting***).
- If not, turn the machine off and call the Service Centre closest to you.

What to tell the Service Centre:
- Name, address and postcode.
- telephone number.
- the type of problem.
- the date of purchase.
- the appliance model (Mod.).
- the serial number (S/N).

This information can be found on the data label inside the door of the machine.

Spare parts

This appliance is a complex machine. Repairing it yourself or having a non-authorised person try to repair it could cause harm to one or more persons, could damage the machine and could invalidate the spare parts warranty.
Call an authorised technician if you experience problems while using the machine.
The spare parts have been designed exclusively for this appliance and not for other uses.